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We describe a software error-detection tool that exploits recent advances in boolean satisfiability (SAT) solvers. Our analysis is path sensitive, precise down to the bit level, and models pointers and heap data. Our approach is also highly scalable, which we achieve using two techniques. First, for each program function, several optimizations compress the size of the boolean formulas that model the control- and data-flow and the heap locations accessed by a function. Second, summaries in the sp ...

Keywords: boolean satisfiability, error detection, program analysis

4 Software reliability via run-time result-checking
Hal Wasserman, Manuel Blum
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We review the field of result-checking, discussing simple checkers and self-correctors. We argue that such checkers could profitably be incorporated in software as an aid to efficient debugging and enhanced reliability. We consider how to modify traditional checking methodologies to make them more appropriate for use in real-time, real-number computer systems. In particular, we suggest that checkers should be allowed to use stored randomness: that is, that they should be allowed to generate ...

Keywords: Fourier transform, built-in testing, concurrent error detection, debugging, fault tolerance, result-checking, self-correcting

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We propose a low-overhead sampling infrastructure for gathering information from the executions experienced by a program's user community. Several example applications illustrate ways to use sampled instrumentation to isolate bugs. Assertion-dense code can be transformed to share the cost of assertions among many users. Lacking assertions, broad guesses can be made about predicates that predict program errors and a process of elimination used to whittle these down to the true bug. Finally, even ...

Keywords: assertions, bug isolation, feature selection, logistic regression, random sampling, statistical debugging

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This paper introduces DIDUCE, a practical and effective tool that aids programmers in detecting complex program errors and identifying their root causes. By instrumenting a program and observing its behavior as it runs, DIDUCE dynamically formulates hypotheses of invariants obeyed by the program. DIDUCE hypothesizes the strictest invariants at the beginning, and gradually relaxes the hypothesis as violations are detected to allow for new behavior. The violations reported help users to catch soft ...

7 New tools and methods for future embedded SoC: Debugging HW/SW interface for MPSoC: video encoder system design case study
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This paper reports a case study of multiprocessor SoC (MPSoC) design of a complex video encoder, namely OpenDivX. OpenDivX is a popular version of MPEG4. It requires massive computation resources and deals with complex data structures to represent video streams. In this study, the initial specification is given in sequential C code that had to be parallelized to be executed on four different processors. High level programming model, namely Message Passing Interface (MPI) was used to enable inter ...

Keywords: debug, hardware-dependant software, hardware-software interface, multiprocessor system-on-chip

8 BUGSYS: a programming system for picture processing—not for debugging
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> BUGSYS is a picture processing and measuring system that depends upon a pictorial input to
> the computer's memory. BUGSYS can be used for many types of applications. In particular,
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> system is the use of a collection of programmable pointers, which are visualized as a family
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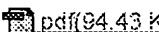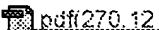
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> This paper presents an in-depth analysis of a state-of-the-art Question Answering system.
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> system, (2) the impact of feedbacks and the insertion of a logic prover, and (3) the impact
> of various retrieval strategies and lexical resources. The main conclusion is that the overall
> performance depends on the depth of natural language processing resources and the tools
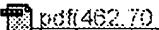> used for answer finding.
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> Speech repairs occur often in spontaneous spoken dialogues. The ability to detect and
> correct those repairs is necessary for any spoken language system. We present a framework
> to detect and correct speech repairs where all relevant levels of information, i. e., acoustics,
> lexis, syntax and semantics can be integrated. The basic idea is to reduce the search space
> for repairs as soon as possible by cascading filters that involve more and more features. At
> first an acoustic module generates hypothe ...

12 A Heuristic to Determine Low Leakage Sleep State Vectors for CMOS Combinational
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Rahul M. Rao, Frank Liu, Jeffrey L. Burns, Richard B. Brown
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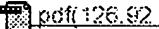
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> Input vector control has been used to minimize the leakage powerconsumption of a circuit in
> sleep state. In this paper, we presenta novel heuristic for determining a low leakage vector
> to beapplied to a circuit in sleep state. The heuristic is a greedy searchbased on the

controllability of nodes in the circuit and uses thefunctional dependencies among cells in the circuit to guide thesearch. Results on a set of ISCAS and MCNC benchmark circuitsshow that in all cases our heuristic returns a vecto ...

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14 Leakage power optimization: Implicit pseudo boolean enumeration algorithms for input vector control
Kaviraj Chopra, Sarma B. K. Vrudhula
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In a CMOS combinational logic circuit, the subthreshold leakage current in the standby state depends on the state of the inputs. In this paper we present a new approach to identify the minimum leakage set of input vectors (MLS). Applying a vector in the MLS is known as Input Vector Control (IVC), and has proven to be very useful in reducing gate oxide leakage and sub-threshold leakage in standby mode of operation. The approach presented here is based on *Implicit Enumeration* of integer-val ...

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15 Conscientious programming using PMA
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This paper describes the use of APL systems at Philips to assist in providing a controlled application support environment and examines in detail an APL software management system, PMA (Program Maintenance Aid).

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A term-list is a list of content words that characterize a consistent text or a concept. This paper presents a new method for translating a term-list by using a corpus in the target language. The method first retrieves alternative translations for each input word from a bilingual dictionary. It then determines the most 'coherent' combination of alternative translations, where the coherence of a set of words is defined as the proximity among multi-dimensional vectors produced from the words on th ...

17 Querying web metadata: Native score management and text support in databases
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In this article, we discuss the issues involved in adding a native score management system to object-relational databases, to be used in querying Web metadata (that describes the

semantic content of Web resources). The Web metadata model is based on topics (representing entities), relationships among topics (called *metalinks*), and importance scores (sideway values) of topics and metalinks. We extend database relations with scoring functions and importance scores. We add to SQL score-manag ...

Keywords: Score management for Web applications

18 A C-based RTL design verification methodology for complex microprocessor

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As the complexity of high-performance microprocessor increases,functional verification becomes more and more difficultand RTL simulation emerges as the bottleneck of thedesign cycle.In this paper, we suggest C language-based designand verification methodology to enhance the simulationspeed instead of the conventional HDL-based methodologies.RTL C model (StreC) describes the cycle-based behaviors ofsynchronous circuits and is followed by model refining andoptimization using LifeTime Analyzer (LTA ...

19 Special session on on-chip multi-processing: Design experience of a chip multiprocessor merlot and expectation to functional verification

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We have fabricated a Chip Multiprocessor prototype code-named Merlot to proof our novel speculative multithreading architecture. On Merlot, multiple threads provide wider issue window beyond ordinal instruction level parallel (ILP) processors like superscalar or VLIW. With the architecture, we estimate 3.0 times speedup against single processing elements (PE) on speech recognition code and IDCT code with four PEs. Merlot integrates on-chip devices, PCI interface, and SDRAM interfaces. We have en ...

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